



# California Military Department California National Guard



## DEPLOYMENT CEREMONY

### Information Alert

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### **Army National Guard to Deploy Bridge Unit to Afghanistan**

A deployment ceremony to honor the 200 California National Guard soldiers of the 132nd Multi-Role Bridge Company (MRBC) will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Redding Convention Center in preparation for their yearlong mission in Afghanistan.

The 132<sup>nd</sup> MRBC will be responsible for the maintenance, construction and removal of a variety of bridge systems throughout Afghanistan. The unit will also play a crucial role in improving and maintaining local infrastructure, as well as ensuring maneuverability of coalition forces across the country.

This is the first overseas combat deployment for the 132<sup>nd</sup> MRBC since its inception as a bridging unit in 2008. About 20 percent of the unit's soldiers, however, are veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from previous deployments.

"I am proud and privileged to command the men and women of the 132<sup>nd</sup>," said Company Commander Capt. Adam Rix. "These soldiers have bonded into a cohesive team, confident in their technical ability to do their job, as well as look out for each other when it's needed most. I am looking forward to completing our mission and leaving the country a little better than we found it."

Media interested in the event should contact Capt. Amanda Ellison at 916-369-4916 and arrive no later than 1 p.m. at the Convention Center at 700 Auditorium Drive, Redding, CA 96001.

If you would like more information about this rescue or the California National Guard, please contact Specialist Rebecca Love, [rebecca.a.love@us.army.mil](mailto:rebecca.a.love@us.army.mil) or Staff Sergeant (CA) Rebecca Wolkenhauer, [rebecca.wolkenhauer@us.army.mil](mailto:rebecca.wolkenhauer@us.army.mil), or call (916) 854-3705.

If you have any questions regarding this, or any other matter pertaining to the California National Guard, please contact Major (Retired) Darrin Bender at (916) 854-3705.